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1. The 4th "Ernst Thaelmann" VP Bereitschaft of Land Saxony was quartered in the Ulanen Kaserne at 2 Karl-Liebknechtstrasse, Grossenhain (N 52/A 01). The postal address was Grossenhain P 4/I. In the past, the unit has held field exercises at Klein Raschwitz (N 52/A 01).
2. The VP Bereitschaft was a tank unit of 1,000 police organized into four Kommandos, each of 250 police. Each Kommando had four Abteilungen. Each Abteilung was composed of three Gruppen.

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4. The equipment of the Bereitschaft included five T-34 tanks; five Soviet SP guns; four or five Soviet armored two-man scout cars; six Canadian ammunition carriers used for training drivers; a number of model 42 machine guns, now in storage; model 38 and 44 submachine guns; 98-K carbines; model 08 pistols; 7.65-mm pistols; and bayonets for all members of the Bereitschaft.

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5. The Bereitschaft had ten trucks, including five new ZIS trucks, and about ten passenger cars of various makes. In May 1950, the Bereitschaft, which also controlled the distribution of motor vehicles, received fifty new 350-ccm Jawa motorcycles, presumably for redistribution.
6. New field uniforms have been in storage since the 1950 Whitsun holidays. They consist of short yellowish-green tank-trooper's jackets such as had been worn by German tank troops, long trousers which are intended to be tucked in the boots, and long boots made of pigskin.
7. Tank drivers were trained in the 1st Kommando, gunners and tank commanders in the 2d Kommando, loaders in the 3rd Kommando, and radio operators, gunners and loaders in the 4th Kommando. *

25X1 * Comment. The 4th VP Bereitschaft with its CO, Polizeioberst
25X1 Fleissner, has been reported frequently from Grossenhain.
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plausible.

1 Annex: Billeting Area of the 4th "Ernst Thaelmann" VP Bereitschaft
of Land Saxony in Grossenhain.

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